

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-261V
Filed: February 1, 2010

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

JOHN STAVRIDIS, parent of *

WILLIAM STAVRIDIS, a minor, *

Petitioner, * Attorney's fees and costs

v. *

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT *

OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS DECISION¹

GOLKIEWICZ, Chief Special Master.

On February 1, 2010, petitioner in the above-captioned case filed an Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. P Motion, filed February 1, 2010. Petitioner requested \$40,869.80 in attorneys' fees, \$247.32 in attorney litigation costs, and \$555.41 in petitioner's own litigation costs. Id. The total amount requested is \$41,672.53. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's costs were stated and included in petitioner's Motion. As discussed in the Motion, petitioner avers that respondent does not object to the amounts requested.

The court hereby awards the petitioner \$41,672.53 in attorneys' fees and litigation costs. Specifically, petitioner is awarded a lump sum of **\$555.41** in the form of a check payable individually to petitioner; petitioner is also awarded a lump sum of **\$41,117.12** in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's attorney. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative

¹ The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims’s website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. *Id.*

efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz
Gary J. Golkiewicz
Chief Special Master

²Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.

Furthermore, this amount is intended to cover all legal expenses. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, “advanced costs” as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, 42 U.S.C.A. §300aa-15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) which would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. See generally, Beck v. Secretary of HHS, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir. 1991).